

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus that provides a service to an external device via a network, comprising:

a plurality of network connection units that are connected to the network;

and

a control unit that (a) notifies [[to]] the external device of a plurality of IP addresses assigned respectively to the plurality of network connection units, ~~respectively so that the external device can select one of the plurality of IP addresses, and~~ (b) ~~selects from the plurality of IP addresses an IP address selected by the external device, and~~ (c) releases the plurality of IP addresses except ~~the selected~~ an IP address[[,]] selected by the external device so that the communication apparatus can provide a service to the external device via the network using the IP address selected by the external device

~~wherein the communication apparatus provides the service to the external device via the network using the selected IP address.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the control unit notifies[[,]] ~~to~~ the external device[[,]] which of the plurality of IP addresses has priority for the service.

9. (Previously Presented) The communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the service includes an image recording service.

10. (Previously Presented) The communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the service includes a file management service.

11. (Previously Presented) The communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the network conforms to UPnP (Universal Plug and Play).

12. (Previously Presented) The communication apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the external device is a control point on the network.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a communication apparatus that provides a service to an external device via a network, the communication apparatus including a plurality of network connection units connected to the network, the method performed by the communication apparatus and comprising the steps of:

notifying [[to]] the external device of a plurality of IP addresses assigned respectively to the plurality of network connection units, respectively so that the external device can select one of the plurality of IP addresses; and

~~selecting from the plurality of IP addresses an IP address selected by the external device;~~

releasing the plurality of IP addresses except ~~the selected~~ an IP address; and
selected by the external device so that the communication apparatus can provide a service

to the external device via the network using the IP address selected by the external device
~~providing the service to the external device via the network using the~~
~~selected IP address.~~

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, further comprising the step of notifying[[,]] ~~to~~ the external device[[,]] which of the plurality of IP addresseses has priority for the service.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the service includes an image recording service.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the service includes a file management service.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the network conforms to UPnP (Universal Plug and Play).

18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein the external device is a control point on the network.